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**Subject:** Hobart's CONT05 Proposal

Dear John and Brett,

We had an IVS Program Committee (OPC) meeting today where, among other things, your proposal for participation in the CONT05 was discussed. This is to inform you on the outcome of the discussions.

We recognize that Hobart is already at the limit of its observing time (with 42 IVS sessions for 2005) and adding the CONT05 would constitute an additional heavy burden. The proposed trade of 10 regular IVS sessions for the 15 days of the CONT (which in fact would give IVS 5 additional observation days) is, therefore, a good approach to alleviate the burden.

Simulation studies showed that including Hobart would improve the derived x,y pole and especially the nutation parameters. This fact speaks in favor of including Hobart in CONT05. On the other hand, taking Hobart out of, say, 10 IVS-R1 sessions will weaken these sessions in a similar fashion.

After the discussions it was the general consensus that the IVS should keep up the quality of the R1s. Therefore we feel that it is not possible to include Hobart in CONT05.

I'm sorry that it didn't work out to include Hobart in this year's CONT. But I want to thank you again for making the proposal and hope that Hobart can participate in a future CONT campaign. We appreciate very much Hobart's ongoing contribution to the IVS observing program.

Best regards,

Dirk